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Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building
101 Executive Center Drive
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Re: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Universal Service Fund
Docket No. 1997-239-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am writing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ("SCTC") in response to the Commission's directive requesting parties in the above-referenced docket to identify specific issues which they believe the Commission should explore in a proceeding to address proposed modifications to the State Universal Service Fund ("USF") Guidelines.

As stated in our letter dated February 7, 2007, the State USF Guidelines are currently the subject of a number of appeals pending before the South Carolina Supreme court and the Circuit Court. In light of these pending appeals, the SCTC believes it would be premature for the Commission to reexamine the State USF Guidelines at this time.

To the extent the Commission decides to move forward with addressing the State USF Guidelines at this time, we believe it would be appropriate to address only ministerial issues that are necessary to clarify questions that the State USF Administrator may have with respect to administering the fund under the current substantive State USF Guidelines. We believe that can best be done, as it has in the past, through a Petition for Declaratory Ruling filed by the State USF Administrator. We do not believe it is in the best interest of the Commission, the parties, or the public, to use the Commission's limited time and resources to address substantive issues related to the State USF Guidelines at this time.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the Commission cancel or postpone a substantive re-examination of the State USF Guidelines until the pending appeals have been resolved. With respect to purely administrative questions, we suggest that a Petition for Declaratory Ruling directed to the Commission from the Administrator of the State USF

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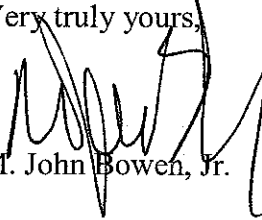
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would be the best way to handle any questions the Administrator may need answered or clarified by the Commission.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. John Bowen, Jr.", written over the typed name.

M. John Bowen, Jr.

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cc: Parties of record

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-239-C

IN RE: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines)
 for an Intrastate Universal)
 Service Fund)
_____)

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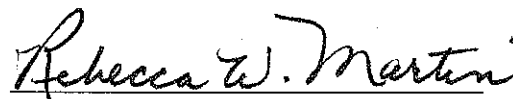
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